trains of longer composition. Teething troubles do occur whenever any new technology is introduced for the first time, some of which cannot be entirely anticipated during testing and trials.

Schools at Platforms for Begging children

†726.. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report regarding picking up of childern begging at railway platforms by the Railway Police and educating them, by opening schools at platforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate nation-wide scheme to open such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is an information regarding opening of such a school known as "KAMANA PADHNA" and "SAKSHARTA KENDRA" by GRP behind Raipur Railway Station in Bilaspur Division of South Eastern Railway since 15.08.2001 with a view to educate homeless, vagabond and handicapped childr...

(c) No, Sir.

Computerised Rail Reservation Centres in Gujarat

†727. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway stations in Gujarat where reservation of tickets is done through computers at present; and

(b) the additional number of Railway stations in that State wher Government propose to open computerised reservation centres by th end of 2001, giving the station-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Thirty.

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(b) Five stations *viz.*, Viramgam, Ankleshwar, Godhra, Hapa and Okha.

Sale of Eatables by unauthorised People in Running Trains

†728. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of adulterated eatables are being sold by unauthorized people in running trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said vendors charge arbitrary price from the passengers; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to keep a check on such vendors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Looting of Passengers of Howrah Bound Summer Special

729. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passengers of a Howrah Bound Summer Special were looted soon after it left the New Delhi Railway Station on 1st September, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of the incident; and

(c) the steps taken to provide security to passengers against such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 31.8.2001, some armed miscreants had boarded the 232 Dn. Summer Special train in Coach No. S-8 from New Delhi. Just after the train

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